PATENT APPLICATION

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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION

OF SEMICONDUCTOR

SUBSTRATE : September 28, 1998

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-21 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims 22-96:

--22. A process for producing a semiconductor substrate comprising the steps of:

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